



**FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA
PHILADELPHIA COURT OF COMMON PLEAS**

Wednesday, May 6, 2020

**TRIAL DIVISION – CIVIL
COMMERCE PROGRAM ONLY**

NOTICE TO THE BAR

**PROTOCOL FOR NON-DISCOVERY MOTIONS FILED IN
COMMERCE PROGRAM CASES PRIOR TO AND DURING
JUDICIAL EMERGENCY CREATED BY COVID-19**

In order to facilitate the resolution of currently pending Preliminary Objections, Summary Judgment and other non-discovery motions filed in cases assigned to the Commerce Program, the Court is ordering that the parties follow this protocol until further Notice to the Bar:

For any non-discovery motion filed in Commerce that received a response date falling between March 16, 2020 and May 18, 2020, the court will assign a new response date on the docket, which will give the parties additional time in which to brief the motion. The amount of additional time will vary depending on the age of the motion. The parties should check the docket(s) for each of their case(s) on or after May 18, 2020 to ascertain the new response date for each motion.

Any non-discovery motion filed in May or in early June of 2020 in a case assigned to the Commerce Program may also receive a slightly elongated response date. It is anticipated that standard response dates will be assigned to non-discovery motions filed in mid-June and thereafter.

If a motion is fully briefed and ready for decision before the new response date has run, the parties may contact susan.packer@courts.phila.gov to request that the motion be assigned to the appropriate Commerce Judge before the new response date has run.

Honorable Gary S. Glazer
Supervising Judge
Trial Division – Commerce Program